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REMARKS: SUBJECT: Transfer of GMDS and SDS to CIG.

A. The attached memoranda are submitted for your consideration. It is suggested that a joint OO/ORE conference be scheduled to discuss the points raised in paragraphs 2 and 4 of the ICAPS Memo, and to prepare the reply as requested.

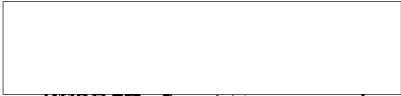
B. Office of Operation's position on the matter is roughly as follows:

1. ICAPS draft of reply to Director of Intelligence, WDGS is concurred in, with minor amendments as noted.
2. Office of Operations is prepared to assume all the intelligence functions of GMDS: i.e. the screening of incoming documents, maintenance of GMDS Intelligence Catalogue, abstracting of intelligence information as requested by member agencies, and liaison with the Adjutant General, who will have custody of captured German documents after 1 June 1947.

(Continue "Remarks" on back, if necessary)

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3. Office of Operations is prepared to take over SDS as an operating unit and continue its present functions if this is concurred in by ORE. It has been pointed out that certain SDS activities may be considered outside the scope of a documents branch, especially;
 - a. (the maintenance of the Industrial Card File, which involves the preparation of cards from non-document sources, (such as G-2, ONI, and other current intelligence reports) and the distribution of these cards, together with similar cards containing information from German documents on an inter-agency basis.
4. If ORE wishes to assume responsibility for the activity mentioned in paragraph 3 above, which CIG specifically undertakes to perform for G-2 and member agencies (paragraph 2 of draft reply to Director, Intelligence Division), as of 31 May 1947, Office of Operations will restrict the functions of SDS accordingly.
5. It is the feeling of Office of Operations that the requirements placed on SDS for processing of documents and preparation of ICF cards from captured documents will require the retention by Office of Operations of all persons with language qualifications presently employed there.
6. Information from SDS indicates that it would be difficult to separate the ICF functions from the document exploitation functions of that section immediately on transfer to CIG, but after the approval and implementation within ORE of the Foreign Industrial Establishments Project, the incorporation of the ICF into it, and a division of functions between Office of Operations (SDS) and ORE could doubtless be arranged without difficulty.


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3 Attach.

Draft of memo to Gen Chamberlain
Memo dated 20 Mar from Gen Chamberlain
Draft of memo for Dir. Intelligence Div. WDGS

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INSPECTION TOUR OF SPECIAL DOCUMENTS SECTION
AT HOLLABIRD SIGNAL DEPOT 4 APRIL 1947
BY GEN. SIBERT, MR. KIRKPATRICK, & MR. HOPPER, ORE

I. Present Mission of Special Documents Section:

Is the completion of exploitation of German documents on Soviet industrial potential. In addition to the documents already obtained by SDS, additional documents on the subject are now being picked up at . Material is coming in from G-2, A-2, ONI, State and . SDS is also taking material out of four or five current Russian publications. The operations of SDS consist of:

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1. Preparation of Industrial Card Files on Russian Plants;
2. The translation from the German of Russian documents on the economic potential of the USSR;
3. Preparation of Studies on:
 - a. Atomic Energy,
 - b. Industrial plants,
 - c. Transportation, including railways and waterways,
 - d. Telecommunications, etc.

It is estimated that on the basis of its current work, SDS could be kept occupied for another year or two. They have recently received the mission of preparing card files on the satellite countries. In addition, it is understood that they are consistently picking up additional documents and material on the subject from about twenty different government agencies.

II. Future Mission of Special Documents Section:

Would be to continue their present work dealing more with current material when the captured documents have been sufficiently exploited. SDS has 8 Russian speakers, 1 Finnish, about 36 German, 5 French, 2 Slavs, 2 Japanese and 1 Italian. These individuals could be well integrated into a central documents branch. Reading of the Foreign Press to the extent of the Russian newspapers is now being processed - it was requested by the War Department. Apparently, all agencies are very cooperative in sending raw material to SDS for inclusion in ICF. If DB conversion to current periodicals goes through, SDS could very well cover Russia west of the Urals and a large part of Europe.

III. Liaison and Sources:

SDS is now maintaining a sensitive arrangement with [] The information comes through the consulate in Baltimore. The arrangement is that SDS sends its ICF cards to [] who in turn annotates and sends back one set, as well as, any additional information. SDS does not pass on to anyone else the material from [] An almost identical arrangement exists between SDS and FC of State.

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IV. Organization:

Organization Charts are attached. Lists of key personnel, ratings, etc., will be sent to Washington by SDS within a week. No understudy problem exists, as the key personnel all wish to continue in the organization, although two of them may become regular Army officers. Of 36 personnel in the Research and Translation Sections, 25 are foreign born.

V. Space:

SDS now uses 10,000 sq.ft. but could get along on 8,000. All of the furniture and equipment belongs to 2nd Army. SDS can remain [] according to the Post Commanding Officer, until 1 August or the end of the year if they so desire. Present channels for incoming and outgoing information are through G-2, War Department.

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The present mission and organization of SDS can be continued in CIG with few immediate changes but with gradual integration into a Central Documents Center, joining of reproduction facilities with the present unit, and the evolution of the organization to current work.